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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE TITLE

Delete the Title and substitute therefor:

"DRYER PROVIDING FASTER DRYING"

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please accept the change as indicated in red ink on the attached FIG. 14. No new matter has been added.

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